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1. WHILE EMBASSY APPRECIATES LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS
CITED REFTEL WHICH EVIDENTLY EXCLUDE OPANAL OFFICIALS
FROM CATEGORY ELIGIBLE FOR GEORGE VISA, IT REMAINS CONCERNED
THAT NO APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE VISA CATEGORY IS AVAILABLE
TO THESE OFFICIALS FOR CONDUCT OF THEIR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
BUSINESS IN U.S.

2. OUR CONCERNS:

A. OPANAL OFFICIALS ARE NOT, STRICTLY SPEAKING
GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, ORDINARILY CARRY REGULAR PASS-
PORTS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES, AND ARE THEREFORE
INELIGIBLE FOR DIPLOMATIC VISAS;

B. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HERETOFORE SUPPLIED THEM WITH
B-1/B-2 VISAS PENDING OPANAL'S GEORGE DESIGNATION, THEIR
BUSINESS IN US IS NOT THE SORT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH
COMMERCIAL VISITORS, AND IT IS CERTAINLY NOT TOURISM (MOST
OFTEN, ITS PURPOSE IS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH OTHER GOVERN-
MENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BASE AT UN/NEW YORK
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C. OPANAL OFFICIALS IN FACT REPRESENT ORGANIZATION

WHICH, WHILE NECESSARILY EXCLUDING US MEMBERSHIP, VERY MUCH ESPOUSES GOALS CONSONANT WITH HIGHEST US FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, I.E. THOSE OF PREVENTING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS RACE INTO LATIN AMERICA;

D. APART FROM POSSIBILITY OF US OBSERVERSHIP WITHIN OPANAL, THE US IS A SIGNATORY TO ONE OF TWO PROTOCOLS INTEGRALLY RELATED TO OPANAL CHARTER, CLOSELY ASSOCIATING USG WITH OPANAL'S PURPOSES;

E. ATTITUDE WHICH US DEMONSTRATES TOWARD OPANAL AND LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IS CLOSELY WATCHED BY LATIN AMERICAN MEMBER GOVTS, AND OUR INABILITY TO DIGNIFY OPANAL BUSINESS IN US WITH APPROPRIATELY SPECIAL VISA CATEGORY DOES LITTLE TO ASSURE LATINS OF OUR SUPPORT FOR OPANAL AND NON-PROLIFERATION.

3. WORTH NOTING THAT VIEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OPANAL OFFICIALS WERE FELT TO BE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE FOR THREE-MAN MISSION FROM ACDA TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY ONLY LAST MONTH FOR EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM.

4. REQUEST DEPT. FINDINGS CONTAINED REFTEL BE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, TO SEE WHETHER SOME GROUNDS MIGHT YET EXIST FOR ISSUING GEORGE VISAS. FOR EXAMPLE, REFTEL CITES PUBLIC LAW 91.85 AS LIMITING ELIGIBILITY TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH US "PARTICIPATES". SURELY "PARTICIPATION" IS A MUCH BROADER CONCEPT THAN MERE FORMAL MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION; WOULD NOT ADHERENCE TO PROTOCOL LL OF OPANAL CHARTER, IN ADDITION TO CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS AND POSSIBLY EVENTUAL OBSERVERSHIP, CONSTITUTE INTENSIVE US "PARTICIPATION" IN THIS SENSE?

5. FAILING FAVORABLE REINTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION, WE ASK THAT DEPARTMENT'S RESOURCEFULNESS BE APPLIED TO DISCOVERING SOME OTHER MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING, THROUGH VISA PROCESS, IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OPANAL AND ITS MISSIONS TO US.

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